Advocates for pleading DDA cases

†1927. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that advocates have been nominated to plead the cases pending in courts against the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the total number of such advocates in September, 2002; and

(c) the average amount spent annually by the Delhi Development Authority during the last three years on pleading of cases pending in courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA has reported that in the month of September, 2002 the number of advocates on its panel to conduct cases in various Courts/ Forums was 105.

(c) DDA has informed that the total amount spent by them on defending and conducting litigation of DDA by the panel lawyers was Rs. 192.65 lakhs during the financial years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002. The average amount spent annually comes to Rs. 64.22 lakhs.

Pending cases of DDA in courts

†1928. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases related to the Delhi Development Authority are pending in the courts;

(b) if so, the total number of cases pending in courts upto September, 2002; and

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(c) the number of cases, out of these, which are pending for five years or more than that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that approximate number of cases pending before various courts upto September, 2002 were 11,650. No record is maintained by it, of cases pending for more than five years.

Development of green belts in all metros

1929. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop more green belts in all metros including Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJGOPAL): (a) to (c) It is for State Govenments to develop more green belts in Metros falling in States.

As far as Delhi is concerned, Delhi Development Authority has reported that Master Plan Delhi-2001 (MPD-2001) provides for establishment of a green belt all along the border upto a depth available.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that there are proposals to develop green belts on the existing sanitary land fill sites in Delhi.

New Delhi Municipal Council has reported that there is a proposal to develop green belts on Nallahs and open spaces.

Delhi Cantonment Board has reported that in Delhi Cantonment area, there is proposal to develop parks in different pockets besides developing greenery on road berms along some major roads.